



Joan Mae Johnson, born on April 12, 1934 in South Dakota, entered eternal rest on February 23, 2026, after a life well-lived and full of love and laughter. She was raised around the Colton, South Dakota area, where she learned the values of hard work and kindness that she carried throughout her days.

Joan dedicated numerous years to working at the Avon Manufacturing facilities, where she retired to enjoy

the simple pleasures in life. Her favorite pastime after retirement was bird watching, finding joy in the colorful cardinals and red roses that she lovingly tended, creating a beautiful view that reflected the beauty she carried within.

Her faith and spirituality were a guiding light in Joan's life, providing her with strength and solace in both moments of happiness and times of sorrow. Her legacy of love and compassion will forever be cherished by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Johnson; her son, Robert Stark; and her stepson, Randy Johnson.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Pam Neal (Wayne); and son, Darin Johnson (Lucy); as well as her loving sister, Dorothy Reurink. She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Mike Neal (Olivia), David Neal (Melissa), Aaron Neal (Tammie), Lori Edgington (Tony), Brandy Enright (William), Kylie Johnson, Katie Vargas (Andy), Kevin Johnson, Nicole Chavez (Adrian), Drew Johnson (Toni), Colleen Thake; along with multiple great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

As we bid farewell to Joan Mae Johnson, we celebrate a life of love, and a deep connection to nature. May her spirit soar high with the birds she cherished, forever remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

In Memory Of **Joan Mae Johnson**

April 12, 1934† February 23, 2026

Celebration of Life

5:30 PM

Friday, June 5, 2026

Minnehaha Funeral Chapel
Colton, South Dakota

Officiating

Rod Van Der Vliet

Organist

Lisa Hansen

Congregational Hymns

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

“Amazing Grace”

Honorary Pallbearers

Joan's Family and Friends

Interment

Colton Cemetery

Colton, South Dakota

The Garden of Promise

*There is a place, I've been told,
Beyond an open gate
All have been invited
Where friends and loved one wait*

*It holds eternal promise
Of everlasting peace
No pain or sorrow ever comes
And teardrops there have ceased*

*Abundant life is evident
Constant, fresh and new
A garden of provision
With eternity in view*

*The promise is awaiting
A place we can abide
Fulfilled for all who answer
The call to com inside*



A Life Remembered

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